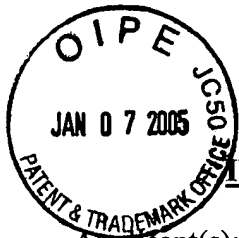


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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition and fee for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith. No additional fees are believed due in connection with this response. However, in the event any additional fees are necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 13-4500, order no. 1232-4650.

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